Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

April 2009

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended April 18, 2009, there were 512,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan during April 2009, an increase of 1,800 from March 2009 and 9,700 more than the number employed in April 2008.

Agricultural employment was 44,900 persons in April 2009, up 6,900 from the March 2009 level and 5,100 more than the April 2008 agricultural employment level of 39,800. Non-agricultural employment was 467,900 persons in April 2009. This is a decrease of 5,100 from the March 2009 non-agriculture employment level of 473,000 and 4,600 more than April 2008.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for April 2009 was 5.4 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the March 2009 rate of 5.2 percent and 0.9 percentage points higher than the April 2008 level of 4.5 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 2,900 to 542,000 persons in April 2009 from 539,100 persons in March 2009. This is 15,300 more than the April 2008 labour force of 526,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.3 percentage points to 69.7 percent in April 2009 from 69.4 percent in March 2009. The April 2008 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.0 percent.

There were 29,200 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during April 2009. This is an increase of 1,100 from March 2009 and is 5,600 more than the number unemployed in April 2008.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 520,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan in April 2009, up 300 from the March 2009 level of 19,800 and is up 10,300 from the April 2008 employment level of 509,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2009 was 5.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the March 2009 rate of 4.7 percent and 0.7 percentage points higher than the April 2008 rate of 4.3 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 106,300 persons in April 2009 to 16,645,100 persons from 16,538,800 persons in March 2009. In April 2008, there were 16,915,500 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.3 percentage points to 8.5 percent from the March 2009 level of 8.8 percent. In April 2008, Canada's unemployment rate 6.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.0 percent in April 2009. This is the same level as of March 2009 and 2.0 percentage points higher than the April 2008 level of 6.0 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	April 2009	March 2009	April 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,200.2	18,138.9	18,050.9	61.3	149.3
Employed ('000)	16,645.1	16,538.8	16,915.5	106.3	-270.4
Full-Time ('000)	13,336.2	13,183.3	13,707.2	152.9	-371.0
Part-Time ('000)	3,308.9	3,355.5	3,208.2	-46.6	100.7
Unemployed ('000)	1,555.1	1,600.1	1,135.4	-45.0	419.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	8.8	6.3	-0.3	2.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.0	8.0	6.0	0.0	2.0
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	66.7	67.3	0.2	-0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	542.0	539.1	526.7	2.9	15.3
Employed ('000)	512.8	511.0	503.1	1.8	9.7
Full-Time ('000)	410.3	406.2	410.4	4.1	-0.1
Part-Time ('000)	102.5	104.8	92.8	-2.3	9.7
Unemployed ('000)	29.2	28.1	23.6	1.1	5.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.2	4.5	0.2	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	4.7	4.3	0.3	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	69.7	69.4	69.0	0.3	0.7
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,102.4	2,095.9	2,052.9	6.5	49.5
Employed ('000)	1,966.9	1,967.6	1,985.1	-0.7	-18.2
Full-Time ('000)	1,596.8	1,594.9	1,658.0	1.9	-61.2
Part-Time ('000)	370.1	372.6	327.0	-2.5	43.1
Unemployed ('000)	135.5	128.3	67.8	7.2	67.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.1	3.3	0.3	3.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.0	5.8	3.3	0.2	2.7
Participation Rate (%)	73.8	73.8	73.7	0.0	0.1
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	630.1	626.5	633.7	3.6	-3.6
Employed ('000)	598.4	592.8	606.6	5.6	-8.2
Full-Time ('000)	486.5	480.0	479.8	6.5	6.7
Part-Time ('000)	111.9	112.8	126.8	-0.9	-14.9
Unemployed ('000)	31.7	33.7	27.1	-2.0	4.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.4	4.3	-0.4	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.6	5.1	3.8	-0.5	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	68.2	69.8	0.3	-1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	April 2009	March 2009	April 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	542.0	539.1	526.7	2.9	15.3
Male	287.4	286.7	282.1	0.7	5.3
Female	254.7	252.4	244.6	2.3	10.1
15-24 Years of Age	97.9	95.0	97.4	2.9	0.5
25+ Years of age	444.2	444.1	429.3	0.1	14.9
EMPLOYED ('000)	512.8	511.0	503.1	1.8	9.7
Male	268.1	268.6	268.6	-0.5	-0.5
Female	244.8	242.4	234.5	2.4	10.3
15-24 Years of Age	86.2	84.2	88.3	2.0	-2.1
25+ Years of age	426.6	426.8	414.9	-0.2	11.7
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	29.2	28.1	23.6	1.1	5.6
Male	19.3	18.1	13.5	1.2	5.8
Female	9.9	10.1	10.1	-0.2	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	11.7	10.8	9.1	0.9	2.6
25+ Years of age	17.6	17.4	14.4	0.2	3.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.4	5.2	4.5	0.2	0.9
Male	6.7	6.3	4.8	0.4	1.9
Female	3.9	4.0	4.1	-0.1	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	12.0	11.4	9.3	0.6	2.7
25+ Years of age	4.0	3.9	3.4	0.1	0.6
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.7	69.4	69.0	0.3	0.7
Male	75.0	74.9	74.9	0.1	0.1
Female	64.6	64.1	63.2	0.5	1.4
15-24 Years of Age	70.2	68.1	70.0	2.1	0.2
25+ Years of age	69.7	69.8	68.7	-0.1	1.0

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	April 2009	March 2009	April 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	44.9	38.0	39.8	6.9	5.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	21.9	23.3	22.6	-1.4	-0.7
Utilities	4.5	4.9	5.3	-0.4	-0.8
Construction	34.1	33.5	33.3	0.6	0.8
Manufacturing	30.2	30.5	32.0	-0.3	-1.8
Trade	81.2	81.6	83.0	-0.4	-1.8
Transportation and Warehousing	22.8	23.9	25.2	-1.1	-2.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.9	30.0	28.5	0.9	2.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.9	20.6	20.7	0.3	0.2
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.9	10.8	11.0	0.1	-0.1
Educational Services	40.2	41.8	37.7	-1.6	2.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	64.6	65.2	61.6	-0.6	3.0
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.8	20.4	19.9	-1.6	-1.1
Accommodation and Food Services	30.7	32.4	31.6	-1.7	-0.9
Other Services	25.1	23.9	22.3	1.2	2.8
Public Administration	31.1	30.1	28.6	1.0	2.5
Total	512.8	511.0	503.1	1.8	9.7
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	410.3	406.2	410.4	4.1	-0.1
Part-Time	102.5	104.8	92.8	-2.3	9.7
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	411.3	414.6	411.3	-3.3	0.0
Public Sector	131.0	132.9	125.3	-1.9	5.7
Private Sector	280.4	281.7	286.0	-1.3	-5.6
Self-Employed	101.5	96.4	91.9	5.1	9.6

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	April 2009	March 2009	April 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	16,645.1	16,538.8	16,915.5	106.3	-270.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	204.3	203.9	213.0	0.4	-8.7
Prince Edward Island	64.7	64.4	66.5	0.3	-1.8
Nova Scotia	443.5	438.7	447.0	4.8	-3.5
New Brunswick	353.2	350.2	354.7	3.0	-1.5
Quebec	3,794.9	3,753.3	3,805.8	41.6	-10.9
Ontario	6,468.3	6,435.0	6,629.2	33.3	-160.9
Manitoba	598.4	592.8	606.6	5.6	-8.2
Saskatchewan	512.8	511.0	503.1	1.8	9.7
Alberta	1,966.9	1,967.6	1,985.1	-0.7	-18.2
British Columbia	2,238.1	2,221.9	2,304.5	16.2	-66.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	8.5	8.8	6.3	-0.3	2.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	17.9	17.1	15.9	0.8	2.0
Prince Edward Island	17.3	14.0	15.1	3.3	2.2
Nova Scotia	10.3	10.3	8.4	0.0	1.9
New Brunswick	10.4	10.9	9.9	-0.5	0.5
Quebec	9.3	9.7	8.0	-0.4	1.3
Ontario	8.8	9.5	6.3	-0.7	2.5
Manitoba	5.0	5.4	4.3	-0.4	0.7
Saskatchewan	5.4	5.2	4.5	0.2	0.9
Alberta	6.4	6.1	3.3	0.3	3.1
British Columbia	7.8	7.7	4.5	0.1	3.3

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Feb-Apr 2009	Jan-Mar 2009	Feb-Apr 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.4	8.0	9.3	0.4	-0.9
Halifax	6.2	6.2	5.1	0.0	1.1
Saint John	6.2	6.3	6.2	-0.1	0.0
Quebec	5.1	5.2	5.4	-0.1	-0.3
Montreal	9.4	9.3	7.8	0.1	1.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.4	5.1	4.7	0.3	0.7
Greater Sudbury	8.7	8.0	6.0	0.7	2.7
Toronto	8.9	8.9	6.3	0.0	2.6
Winnipeg	5.1	5.1	4.4	0.0	0.7
Regina	4.4	4.0	4.3	0.4	0.1
Saskatoon	5.2	5.1	3.7	0.1	1.5
Calgary	6.4	5.8	2.9	0.6	3.5
Edmonton	5.4	5.0	3.8	0.4	1.6
Vancouver	6.7	6.3	3.9	0.4	2.8
Victoria	6.0	5.5	2.8	0.5	3.2
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	155.5	155.2	152.7	0.3	2.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.1	52.8	51.8	0.3	1.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	167.5	167.6	163.6	-0.1	3.9
Yorkton-Melville	38.6	38.7	38.4	-0.1	0.2
Prince Albert & Northern	98.0	98.4	94.4	-0.4	3.6

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Feb-Apr 2009	Jan-Mar 2009	Feb-Apr 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	540.3	538.5	523.3	1.8	17.0
Employed ('000)	511.4	511.2	499.9	0.2	11.5
Unemployed ('000)	28.9	27.3	23.3	1.6	5.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.1	4.5	0.3	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	69.4	68.6	0.2	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	65.9	65.9	65.6	0.0	0.3
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	500.4	498.2	485.0	2.2	15.4
Employed ('000)	476.9	475.6	467.2	1.3	9.7
Unemployed ('000)	23.5	22.6	17.8	0.9	5.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.5	3.7	0.2	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	69.8	69.1	0.3	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	66.8	66.7	66.6	0.1	0.2
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	39.9	40.3	38.2	-0.4	1.7
Employed ('000)	34.5	35.6	32.7	-1.1	1.8
Unemployed ('000)	5.5	4.7	5.5	0.8	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.6	11.7	14.5	1.9	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	64.2	64.8	62.9	-0.6	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	55.4	57.3	53.8	-1.9	1.6
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	17.1	17.5	15.6	-0.4	1.5
Employed ('000)	14.4	15.1	12.2	-0.7	2.2
Unemployed ('000)	2.7	2.4	3.4	0.3	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.7	13.5	21.7	2.2	-6.0
Participation Rate (%)	60.9	62.3	56.8	-1.4	4.1
Employment Rate (%)	51.3	53.9	44.5	-2.6	6.8
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Labour Force ('000)	22.7	22.7	22.4	0.0	0.3
Employed ('000)	20.0	20.4	20.3	-0.4	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	2.8	2.3	2.1	0.5	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.1	10.3	9.6	1.8	2.5
Participation Rate (%)	66.8	66.8	67.8	0.0	-1.0
Employment Rate (%)	58.6	59.9	61.3	-1.3	-2.7

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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